

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2005. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 14 and 18. Accordingly, independent claims 11 and 15 have been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable claims 14 and 18. The remaining claims are dependent on either amended claims 11 or 15.

Despite disagreement with the rejection of claims 1-10, 12, 14, 16, 18-20 and 23-27, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice to expedite allowance. As no issues remain, it is believed that pending claims 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 22, 28 and 29 are in condition for allowance.

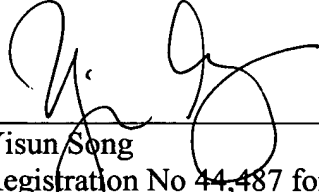
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

It is believed that no fees are due for filing this Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicants also authorize the Director to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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